



## Patents

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Stephen A. Thomas )  
Serial No.: 10/811,058 ) Art Unit: 2661  
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Title: Intelligent End User Devices ) Confirmation No.: 8083  
for Clearinghouse Services in an )  
Internet Telephone System )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation patent application of issued U.S. Patent No. 6,751,652 on behalf of the inventor Stephen A. Thomas, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims start on page 2.**

**Remarks** start on page 7.

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